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In re application of:

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Phosphogluconate Pathway

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By the filing of this Petition and fee, Applicants hereby request that the period for filing a response to the May 24, 2005, office action be extended one month from August 24, 2005, to September 24, 2005.

The statutory fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$120.00 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$120 extension of time fee to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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